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INK-ABSORBING LAYER OF INK-JET RECORDING MEDIUM

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Asst. Commissioner for Patents

Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Pursuant to the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. 1.56, Applicants are enclosing an Information Disclosure Citation Form (PTO-1449) which lists the references cited in the International Search Report (dated November 16, 2001) being filed on this same date.

Applicants certify under 37 C.F.R. 1.97(e)(1) that these references were cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application no more than three months prior to the filing of this statement.

It is respectfully requested that each cited document be considered by the Examiner in the above-identified patent application and that each cited document be made officially of record therein. It is further requested that a listing of the same appear on the face of any patent which may issue from this application.

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